

Planning and Managing Security  
for Major Special Events:  
Guidelines for Law Enforcement



***Curriculum Development Project:  
Planning & Managing Security  
for Major Special Events***

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## *Community Policing & Event Planning*

*As law enforcement recognizes the effectiveness of problem solving, and partnerships there is an increasing awareness that inclusive and **participatory planning** is essential for its success.*

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**Plan for Worst Case Scenarios**

**Security Measures vs. Enjoyable Event**

**Public Safety vs. Personal Freedoms**

**Collaborative Planning & Partnerships**

**Notification and Support of Federal Partners**

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## Underlying Principle of Curriculum

*Timely and effective planning, communications  
and training are critical!*



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## *Purpose of the Curriculum*

- Produce a curriculum for local law enforcement to assist in the planning and managing of security for events that attract large numbers of people (numbers relative to size of jurisdiction).
- Curriculum will cover basic principles and key components of major event planning and management from pre-event planning through post-event assessment and documentation





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## *Target Audience*

Public safety officials in a leadership role who may be tasked with the planning phase for a public event.



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## Curriculum Development Process

- Convene development team
- SMEs develop curriculum modules
- Assemble modules into draft training curriculum
- Review and refinement of draft by development team
- Pilot training curriculum and refine final curriculum



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## Curriculum Overview

- Modular curriculum– 15 Module Format
- Adult learning
- Table top exercise – connects each module with common theme
- Seminal articles on topic areas
- Checklists, worksheets, handouts relevant to topic area
- References
  - Websites and internet articles and materials
  - Books
  - Publications and articles

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## MODULE 1: Course Overview and Purpose



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## **MODULE 2: Integration with NRP and NIMS**

- Purpose of NRP and NIMS
- Roles, responsibilities and legal obligations
- Differences between security planning and NRP and NIMS
- Roles and expectations of Incident Command System

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## **MODULE 3: Pre-Event Planning**

- Mission and charter
- Clarification of leadership authority and structure
- Partnership agreements
- Legal authority of assisting agencies
- Organizational structure

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## **MODULE 4: Conducting the Threat/Risk Assessment**

- Key assessment areas & resources
- Threat and risk categories
- Information collection
- Other threats and impacts
  - Cyber vulnerability
  - Business impact analysis

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## **MODULE 5: Law Enforcement Intelligence: Implications for Event Security**

- Definition
- Intelligence infrastructure, information sharing and management
- Types of intelligence analytic outputs
- Methods of information sharing
- Employing information/intelligence for threat management

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## **MODULE 6: Identifying Staffing Needs and Resources**

- Identify event
- Identify personnel needs
- Identify equipment needs
- Develop contingency plans
- Develop after-action critiques



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## **MODULE 7: Communications & Communications Technology**

- Importance of interagency communications
- Radio communications interoperability
- Integrated Communications and Command Centers
- Future trends

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## **MODULE 8: Access Control and Credentialing**

- Access planning and management
- Outer, middle and inner perimeter security planning
- Useful access control tools and techniques
- Credentialing

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## **MODULE 9: Transportation/Traffic**

- Key transportation and traffic components of security planning for large events
- Special considerations related to air space protection, security checkpoints, motorcades and emergency vehicle access
- Best practices

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## **MODULE 10: Logistics and Training**

- Key operational logistics and administrative and specialized support/equipment
- Training and training considerations
- Role of public information and media relations

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**MODULE 11: Hazardous Materials/WMD:  
Detection and Consequence Management**

- Threat and risk assessment involving hazardous materials and weapons of mass destruction
- Local, state and federal resources and response
- Special considerations for fire, EMS, and medical care as they relate to special events
- Importance of inter-agency coordination

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## **MODULE 12: Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Utilities**

- Identification of relevant infrastructure(s)
- Vulnerability considerations
- Executing protective measures and response plans  
(risk assessment guidelines)
- Cyber security issues and considerations

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## **MODULE 13: Planning for and Managing Demonstrations**

- Justifications for planning & implementing crowd control efforts
- Common protestor tactics
- Legal issues
- Crowd managements and control tactics



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## **MODULE 14: Security Management During the Event**

- Final security and traffic briefing components
- Field supervision
- Central Communications & Command Center
- Intelligence
- Public information

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## **MODULE 15: Post Event Activities**

- Adopting a comprehensive post-event process/procedure
- Logistics wrap up
- Accounting functions
- After-action documentation/lessons learned
- After-action methodologies

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